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REMARKS

This is in response to the office action of April 18, 2003.

In this amendment, claim 1 has been amended, claims 5 and 6  
5 cancelled without prejudice and a new claim 18 added. The  
remainder of the claims remain unchanged. Claims 15 to 17 are  
cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 to 4 and 12 under 35  
10 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Martin. Reasons for this  
rejection are provided in paragraph 3 of the office action.

It is also noted that claims 13 and 14 have been allowed.  
Further, the Examiner has found that claims 5 to 11 contain  
15 allowable subject matter, and would either be allowable if  
rewritten in independent form, or depend from an allowable claim,  
as appropriate.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of the  
20 invention recited in claim 5, which has been canceled without  
prejudice. It is thus submitted that revised claim 1 contains  
allowable subject matter based on the findings of the Examiner.  
Claims 2 to 4 and 7 to 12 depend directly or indirectly from  
claim 1, and are thus also allowable. New claim 18 is a  
25 combination of previously amended claims 1 and 6 and also  
contains allowable subject matter based on the Examiner's  
previous findings.

Therefore, all of the claims in the application now contain  
30 allowable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration and allowance  
of the application is therefore solicited. If the Examiner has


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any comments or questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at (818)710-2788.

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